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Proclamation of international years

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/199 of 15 December 1998 on the proclamation of international years and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries,

Recognizing the contribution that the celebration of international years can make to the furtherance of international cooperation and understanding,

Mindful of the need to consider carefully proposals for the designation of international years and anniversaries,

Invites the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of Member States and the specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system the guidelines for future international years contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980, as adopted by the General Assembly in its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980, and calls upon Member States to take into account and apply the criteria and procedures contained in those guidelines in considering future proposals for international years.

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